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Re: New U.S. Patent Application
HOLLOW RACK SHAFT AND MANUFACTURING
METHOD THEREOF
By: Akira TSUBOUCHI, Kiyoshi OKUBO, and
Yasushi WATANABE
Attorney Docket: 18733/00070

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers relating to
HOLLOW RACK SHAFT AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF, Akira
TSUBOUCHI, Kiyoshi OKUBO, and Yasushi WATANABE, inventors:

- (1) Specification (18 pages, including 7 claims and an abstract);
- (2) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (8 pages);
- (3) Formal Drawings (10 sheets);
- (4) Transmittal letter (2 pages) with PrintEFS Patent Application Bibliographic Data (2 pages);

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- (5) Transmittal letter (2 pages) with a certified copy of Japanese priority document no. 2000-383268 (29 pages);
- (6) Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages), PTO-1449 Form (1 page), and copies of five (5) references cited;
- (7) Request For Approval of Proposed Drawing Change Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 (2 pages) with attached marked-up copy of Figs. 3a, 3b, and 3c (1 sheet); and
- (8) Assignment (2 pages) of the invention to NSK LTD., with attached Recordation Form Cover Sheet (1 page) (in duplicate).

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Respectfully submitted,

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**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED
DRAWING CHANGE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Submitted herewith is one drawing sheet containing
Figures 3a, 3b, and 3c, showing the proposed drawing change
in red. The proposed change is as follows:

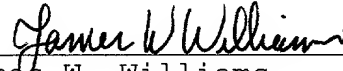
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The above proposed change is requested in order to remove an inadvertent misprint on the drawing sheet. No new matter would be added.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner approve the proposed drawing change.

Respectfully submitted,



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FIG. 3a

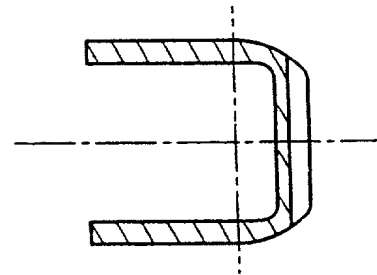
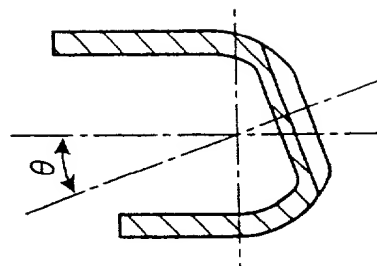
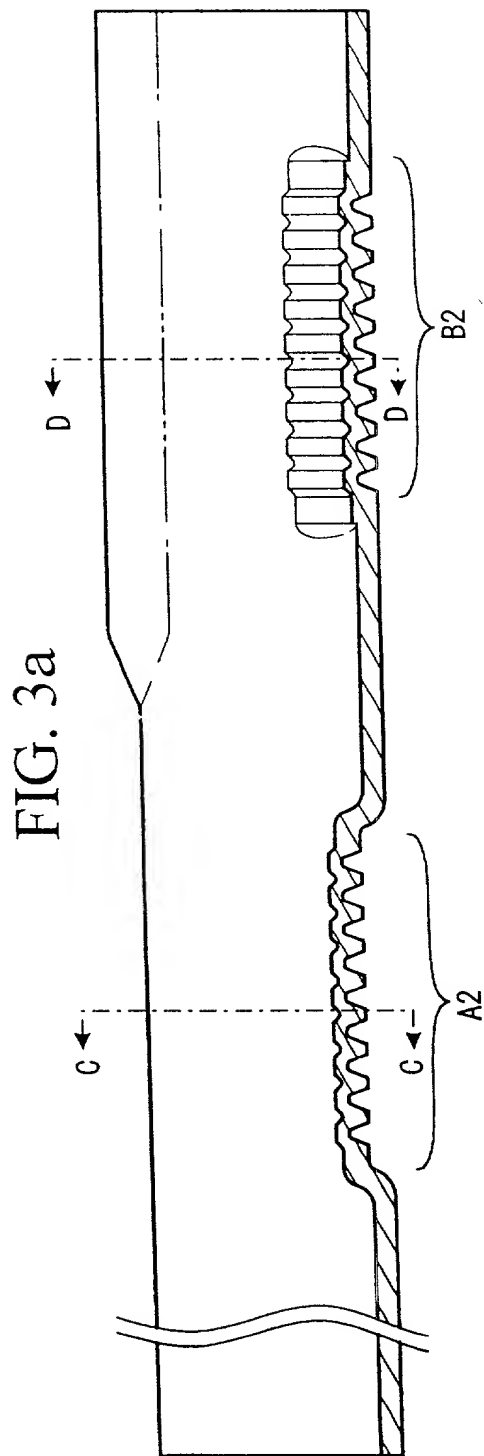


FIG. 3c

FIG. 3b

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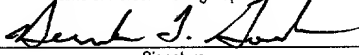
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APPLICATION BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA

Submitted herewith is bibliographic data (2 pages) for
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